



Crawley District Scouts

#SkillsForLife



## Stanford Campsite

### Fundraise and win - £100 of prizes in draw money every month!

You are invited to become part of the Crawley District Stanford Campsite fundraising effort by joining our brand new 100 Club.

#### How does it work?

For just £5/month (that's less than £1.25 per week!) you can join and be in with a chance to win our monthly prizes. Every month, we draw four prizes: first prize £50, second prize £20 and two third prizes of £15 each. Every month the prize draw for all prizes will take place on the last Monday of the month using a random number selector and cheques will be sent to each winning member of the 100 Club straight away.

#### How do I join?

You can pay your membership fee up front in half yearly (£30) or full yearly (£60) or you can pay by monthly standing order.

#### Sign up now!

Complete and return the attached form to secure a place in our 100 Club. Please include all contact details and attach a cheque for £30 or £60 payable to '**Crawley District Scouts**' if you are paying up front. If you are paying by monthly standing order, please use the account details included below to set up your payment, with the **first payment of £5 being made between 1<sup>st</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of the month for the end of that months draw.**

**Sort Code: 20-23-98    Account No.: 23012026    Amount: £5 / month    Reference: 'your surname'**  
Date: please pay between 1st and 20th monthly

#### Why we need your help!

Stanford is a unique and valuable asset which we all cherish and enjoy.

Located to the south of Crawley set in a bluebell wood this must be one of Crawley's hidden gems that our Scouts have exclusive access to. It is well used by our members and shared from time to time with other youth organisations. The land was granted/ leased to Crawley District Scout Council by the Commission for New Towns / Crawley Borough Council in 1963 and over the years has been sympathetically maintained and developed by Crawley Scouting.

During the last couple of weeks of summer term in 2019 it was great to see the site used by numerous Scout Groups / Sections. On a number of nights there were between 80 and 100 young people enjoying activities and playing games. It is also heartening to see it being used at weekends and school holidays for camps, sleepovers and hosting Scouts from France, Austria and Germany. From time to time it is used by West Sussex Scouts for adult training courses.

Not surprisingly it is a wildlife haven even with its own birds of prey, buzzards, tawny owls and even sightings of red kites. There are smaller furry things namely dormice, rabbits, bats; amphibians and reptiles including frogs, toads, grass snakes and adders; larger mammals such as red and roe deer, foxes

and badgers, although rarely seen, if you look carefully they are there. We've added boxes to assist in providing habitats as well as setting aside space for other projects such as cultivating English woodland trees to replenish the stock of silver birch trees which have a life of 30 years.

Many of you will have heard about the challenge of the theft of the electricity cable and how this has hindered the site's use but the above shows that nothing will stop people from using and enjoying the surroundings. It is hoped that in the next couple of months that the electricity supply will be restored and improved. In 2017 the District had the opportunity to add indoor accommodation to the campsite that potentially extends its accessibility to the youth of Crawley as a bunkhouse and a training centre. Work to make necessary adjustments has been slow due to the priority that the electricity challenge has taken. We are optimistic this work can resume in earnest shortly.

The site's basic running costs are covered from contributions from the annual membership fee and camping fees from visitors outside of Crawley Scouting. When new challenges and opportunities come along, these need to be funded through the local Scouts, successful applications for grants and generous local donations of money and time. Such projects have included the replacement of the main building in the late 1990s, upgrades to the toilets, kitchen, more recently the addition of disabled shower facilities, renovating the chapel as an area of reflection. Presently we have a variety of projects including the bunk house that will add to the facilities and the enjoyment the site can provide to all our members. Other projects include improving the boundaries, car park area and the lane. All of this requires funding and volunteers to buy materials and essential maintenance equipment and where necessary engage specialists with key skills.

The local council regularly inspect the site to check it is well maintained and in regular use. They have to date always been complimentary about how well it is maintained and used.

We hope knowing more about the history and plans for the site helps explain why we are setting up the Stanford 100 Club to provide regular funds in addition to exploring grants as they become available. Please sign up - your monthly donation will be well used!

This is also a great opportunity to say that we hold maintenance days, as well as being essential to the upkeep of Stanford they are good fun for all. We'd love to hear from you if you can spare some time every couple of months. All help is gratefully received!



Stanford Campsite

First Name / Last Name	
Address	
Postcode	
Home Telephone Number	
Mobile Number	
Email Address	

I would like to join the Crawley District Scouts Stanford 100 Club.

Tick one

I attach a cheque for the 12 months membership costs of £60 payable to '*Crawley District Scouts*'

I attach a cheque for the 6 months membership costs of £30 payable to '*Crawley District Scouts*'

I have set-up a standing order to **Sort Code: 20-23-98 Account No.: 23012026** for £5 per month commencing **MM \_\_\_ / YY\_\_\_** , payable on \_\_\_\_\_(insert date) each month (Between 1<sup>st</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>)

Please scan/post and return this form via email to: stanford100@cdscouts.org.uk  
or post it to: Stanford 100 Club, c/o 137 Warren Drive, Ifield, Crawley, West Sussex, RH11 0DH